



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose:

The department is amending WAC 388-442-0010 "How does being a fleeing felon impact my eligibility for benefits?" to comply with changes in federal regulations regarding who is considered ineligible for benefits.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: None
 Amended: WAC 388-442-0010
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.005, RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.08A.100, RCW 74.04.770, RCW 74.08.025

Other authority: 7 CFR 273.11

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding:

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) clarified who is considered ineligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) due to fleeing from the law. Current Washington Administrative Code is in contradiction to Federal rules enacted November 1, 2015. Lack of compliance with FNS rules can result in loss of funding for or penalization to the SNAP in Washington. Additionally, the current rule makes certain Washington residents ineligible for SNAP benefits who are now eligible based on recently adopted federal regulations.

Date adopted:

April 26, 2016

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

WAC 388-442-0010 ((How does being a fleeing felon impact my eligibility for benefits))Am I eligible for benefits if I am fleeing from the law or breaking a condition for parole or probation? (1) ((You are a fleeing felon if you are fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime that is considered a felony in the place from which you are fleeing.

(2)) If you are a fleeing felon((7)) or violating a condition of probation or parole ((as determined by an administrative body or court that has the authority to make this decision,)) you are not eligible for ((TANF/SFA)) temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), ((PWA)) pregnant women assistance (PWA), ((ABD)) aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash, referral to the ((HEN)) housing and essential needs (HEN) program, or basic food benefits.

(2) You are a fleeing felon if:

(a) A federal, state, or local law enforcement officer presents us with a felony arrest warrant that includes the national crime information center (NCIC) codes for escape (4901), flight to avoid (4902), or flight-escape (4999);

(b) The officer presenting the warrant is acting in an official capacity to obtain information on your location or other information; and

(c) You are the individual named in the warrant.

(3) You are violating a condition of parole or probation when:

(a) An administrative or judicial order has found you in violation of the terms of your parole or probation; and

(b) A law enforcement agency is actively seeking you to enforce the conditions of your parole or probation.

(4) "Actively seeking" as used in subsection (3)(b) of this section means a law enforcement agency intends to arrest you for a probation or parole violation within:

(a) Thirty days from the date we request information about the parole or probation violation; or

(b) Twenty days from the date the law enforcement agency requests information from us.